

SNOWMOBILE AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 31

Snowmobiles:

Every snowmobile registration certificate and number issued expires at midnight December 31. After the first day of September each year, an unregistered snowmobile may be registered or a registration may be renewed for the subsequent year beginning January 1. After the first day of September an unregistered snowmobile may be registered for the remainder of the current registration year and for the subsequent registration year in one transaction. The fee shall be \$5 for the remainder of the current year, in addition to the registration fee of \$15 for the subsequent year beginning January 1, plus a writing fee. The owner of each snowmobile required to be numbered shall register it annually with the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides, or if the owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it in the county in which the snowmobile is principally used.

The owner of the snowmobile shall file an application for registration with the appropriate county recorder and the application shall be completed and signed by the owner and accompanied by a fee of \$15, plus a writing fee. A snowmobile that has an expired registration certificate may be renewed upon proper application, payment of all registration and writing fees, and payment of a penalty of \$5. The owner is issued a registration certificate and the certificate must be carried either in the snowmobile or on the person of the operator of the snowmobile when in use. All registrations must be valid for the current registration period prior to the transfer of any registration.

When a person, after registering a snowmobile moves from the address shown on the registration certificate, the person shall within 30 days notify the county recorder in writing of the move and the new address.

Each snowmobile used on public land or ice of this state shall be currently registered and numbered. A person shall not operate, maintain, or give permission for the operation or maintenance of a snowmobile on public land or ice unless the snowmobile is numbered.

Registration is not required for the following snowmobiles:

- ✓ Snowmobiles owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision of another state.
- ✓ Snowmobiles registered in a country other than the United States used within this state for not more than 20 consecutive days.
- ✓ Snowmobiles covered by a valid license of another state and which have not been within this state for more than 20 consecutive days.
- ✓ Snowmobiles not registered or licensed in another state or country being used in this state while engaged in a special event and not remaining in the state for a period of more than ten days.

Snowmobile fees collected by the county recorder are placed in a special snowmobile fund to be used for the snowmobile programs of the state. The programs include grants, subgrants, contracts, cost-sharing of snowmobile programs with political subdivisions or private organizations, or to support snowmobile programs on a usage basis.

All-Terrain Vehicles:

Every all-terrain vehicle registration certificate and number issued expires at midnight December 31. After the first day of September every year, an unregistered all-terrain vehicle may be registered or a registration may be renewed for the subsequent year beginning January 1. After the first day of September an unregistered all-terrain vehicle may be registered for the remainder of the current registration year and for the subsequent registration year in one transaction. The fee shall be \$5 for the remainder of the current year, in addition to the registration fee of \$15 for the subsequent year beginning January 1, plus a writing fee. An expired all-terrain vehicle registration may be renewed for the same fee as if the owner is securing the original registration, plus a penalty of \$5 and a writing fee. All registrations must be valid for the current registration period prior to the transfer of any registration.

The owner of each all-terrain vehicle required to be numbered must register it annually with the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides. Each all-terrain vehicle used on public land or ice of this state shall be currently registered and numbered. A person cannot operate, maintain, or give permission for the operation or maintenance of an all-terrain vehicle on public land or ice unless the vehicle is numbered and displayed. A nonresident wishing to operate an all-terrain vehicle on public land or ice of this state shall first obtain a user permit from a county recorder or a license depository. The fee for a nonresident user permit is \$15, plus an administrative fee. A user permit is valid for the calendar year specified in the permit.

When a person, after registering an all-terrain vehicle moves from the address shown on the registration certificate, the person shall within 30 days notify the county recorder in writing of the move and the new address.

Registration is not required for the following all-terrain vehicles:

- ✓ All-terrain vehicles owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision of another state.
- ✓ All-terrain vehicles registered in a country other than the United States used within this state for not more than 20 consecutive days.
- ✓ All-terrain vehicles covered by a valid license of another state and which have not been within this state for more than 20 consecutive days.
- ✓ All-terrain vehicles not registered or licensed in another state or country being used in this state while engaged in a special event and not remaining in the state for a period of more than ten days.
- ✓ All-terrain vehicles used in accordance with section 321.234A, highway use.
- ✓ All-terrain vehicles used exclusively as farm implements.

All-terrain vehicle fees collected by the county recorder are placed in a special all-terrain vehicle fund to be used for all-terrain vehicle programs. The programs include grants, subgrants, contracts, cost-sharing of all-terrain vehicle programs with political subdivisions or private organizations, or used to support all-terrain vehicle programs on a usage basis. All-terrain vehicle fees may be used for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of all-terrain vehicle recreational riding areas through the awarding of grants.

BOAT RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30

Every registration certificate and number issued becomes delinquent at midnight April 30 of odd-numbered years. After January 1 in odd-numbered years, an unregistered vessel or a registration may be renewed for the two-year period beginning May 1 of that year. After January 1 in even-numbered years, unregistered vessels may be registered for the remainder of the current registration period at 50 percent of the appropriate registration fee.

The applicant will receive the same registration number allocated to the applicant for the previous registration period. If the application for registration for the biennium is not made before May 1 of each odd-numbered year, the applicant shall be charged a penalty of \$5.

If a person, after registering a vessel, moves from the address shown on the registration certificate, the person must notify the county recorder in writing within ten days of the old and new address.

Every vessel on the waters of the state shall be numbered. A person shall not operate, maintain, or give permission for the operation or maintenance of any vessel on such waters unless the vessel is numbered. The owner of each vessel required to be numbered by this state must register it every two years with the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides. If the owner is a nonresident, the owner must register it in the county in which the vessel is principally used.

The registration fees for vessels are as follows:

- ✓ For vessels of any length without motor or sail, \$5.
- ✓ For motorboats or sailboats less than 12 feet in length, \$8.
- ✓ For motorboats or sailboats 12 feet or more, but less than 15 feet in length, \$10.
- ✓ For motorboats or sailboats 15 feet or more, but less than 18 feet in length, \$12.
- ✓ For motorboats or sailboats 18 feet or more, but less than 25 feet in length, \$18.
- ✓ For motorboats or sailboats 25 feet in length or more, \$28.

Registration is not required for the following vessels:

- ✓ Covered by a number in full force and effect which has been awarded pursuant to a federally approved numbering system of another state if such vessel has not have been within this state for a period in excess of 60 days within one calendar year.
- ✓ Foreign vessels temporarily using the navigable waters of the United States and of this state.
- ✓ A public vessel of the United States, a state, or subdivision thereof which is used for enforcement, search and rescue, or official research and studies, but not including vessels used for recreation or commercial purposes.
- ✓ A ship's lifeboat.

- ✓ A type of vessel which has been exempted from registration, after it has been found that the registration or numbering of such vessel will not materially aid in their identification and such vessel would be exempt from numbering if it were subject to federal law.
- ✓ An air mattress, inner tube, or other toy or beach-type item which is being used in a recognized swimming area. In the case of a natural lake or reservoir, these beach or swimming areas may be less, but in no case, shall exceed 300 feet from shore.
- ✓ Nonpower or nonsail vessels which are inflatable vessels, seven feet or less in length.
- ✓ Conventional design canoes and kayak-type vessels, 13 feet or less in length.

Boat registration fees are used to support Iowa's boating enforcement and safety program.

For additional information or questions on the registration of boats, snowmobiles, or all-terrain vehicles, please contact your county recorder in the county in which you reside or call the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at 515/281-5918, or by sending an e-mail to Webmaster@dnr.state.ia.us